

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

May 8, 2017 6:30 pm

Emergency Operations Centre Update: Spring Freshet Flooding

Continued high water has created localized flooding for areas across the Regional District. It is important to be aware of the dangers being around creeks and streams at this time. High flow volumes have caused banks and some crossings to become unstable and collapse. Keep children away from waterways, maintain a minimum of 10 meters from the banks, and keep pets on a leash.

If an evacuation advisory or notice is issued for your neighbourhood, comply immediately and check in at the reception center indicated for your area.

Electoral Area 'F' (West Bench, Sage Mesa, Faulder, rural Summerland)

Sage Mesa – A boil water notice is in effect for all users due to increase in turbidity in Okanagan Lake.

Faulder – Darke Creek is running full, causing localized flooding along Fish Lake Rd. Sand and sandbags have been delivered to affected residents, and more are located at post box pull out, at the junction of Fish Lake Road and the Princeton Summerland Road.

Redwing Resort – Sandbags have been supplied to residents.

Electoral Area 'E' (Naramata, Glenfir, Indian Rock)

Chute Creek flooding has caused several roads to become impassable until water levels recede. The Kettle Valley Railroad Trail in the Chute Lake section is also affected and difficult to traverse. It is recommended to avoid that area until further notice.

Naramata – A boil water notice for all Naramata water users is in effect, due to turbidity levels.

Indian Rock Road – Road is now open.

Glenfir Road – Road remains closed, barricades in place. Most residents have elected to shelter in place.

Chute Lake Road – Road remains closed. Barricades are in place.

Electoral Area 'C' – (Rural Oliver)

Testalinden Creek – Shoring work with heavy equipment continues on the south bank side of the creek below Highway 97.

Fairview Road – Remains closed. Machines are on-site affecting repairs. Alternate means of access and egress to properties is via Cawston.

Electoral Area ‘G’– (Rural Keremeos, Cawston, and parts of the Similkameen)
Keremeos/Cawston

Keremeos and Cawston Fire Departments continue to deliver sandbags.

Electoral Area ‘H’ – (Rural Princeton, Similkameen, Tulameen, Osprey Lakes, Missezula)
Missezula Lake – Water levels have remained stable overnight. Residents can access sand and sandbags at the beach.

Erris and Hayes areas (near Osprey Lake)

Sand and sandbags are available at local Fire Departments. Both departments are continuing sandbagging efforts at Lee Creek.

Tulameen – Otter Lake, Otter Creek – Water levels remained stable today but flooding continues to affect the area. Tulameen Volunteer Fire Department is providing assistance and support to local residents. Sand and sandbags are available at the Fire hall.

NOTE: Disaster Financial Assistance is available to homeowners, residential tenants, small business owners, farmers and charitable organizations who were unable to obtain insurance to cover these disaster related losses. Visit <http://www.gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance>

If you require sandbags, please call the Emergency Operations Centre.

The Emergency Operations Centre will be closed at 8:00 pm May 8, reopening in the morning of May 9 at 8:30 am. Emergency Operations Centre: 250-492-0237 or Toll Free at 1-877-610-3737

For after-hours emergencies, please call the **Provincial Emergency Program at 1-800-663-3456.**

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